

IB 11 English Summer Assignment

For this assignment you will be completing two tasks. First you will read the novel To Kill a Mockingbird, and then write a critical lens essay. A copy of the text can be picked up at school or at local libraries.

Please ask for a text if you need one before the year ends.

Follow the directions and guidelines below as you write your paper.

Your Task: Write a critical lens essay in which you discuss **three (3) characters** from Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird from the particular perspective of the statement that is provided for you in the Critical Lens. In your essay, provide a valid interpretation of the statement, agree or disagree with the statement as you have interpreted it, support your opinion using specific references to appropriate literary elements and **using direct evidence from the text**. All evidence should be cited using **MLA parenthetical citation** guidelines.

A good resource to use if you are unsure of how to cite properly using MLA can be found at:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Critical Lens:

"Courage is measured by an individual's willingness to continue fighting even when the likelihood of victory is small."

Author Unknown

Guidelines:

Be sure to

- Provide a valid interpretation of the critical lens that clearly establishes the criteria for analysis
- Indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement as you have interpreted it
- Use the criteria suggested by the critical lens to analyze characters (3) from To Kill a Mockingbird
- Use direct evidence from the text to support your arguments
- Cite all direct evidence using MLA parenthetical citations
- Avoid plot summary. Instead, use specific references to appropriate literary elements (for example: theme, characterization, protagonist, antagonist, parts of plot, etc.) to develop your analysis
- Organize your ideas in a logical and coherent manner
- Specify the title and author
- Follow the conventions of standard written English

This assignment should be printed out to be handed in on the first day of school. If you are unable to print this assignment please e-mail it as an attachment before the first day of school to the following address:

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